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CHAPTER ONE: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORDEN NAME

Section 1. THE NAME OF WORDEN

"The name of WORDEN is common in the German language, signifying HAS BECOME or PAST, and WERDEN has nearly the same meaning,- both proofs of ancient as well as present existence. In 1838," states Oliver N. Worden, "I saw the name in a German graveyard in Frederick County, Md, and have also seen German musicians thus named. In parts of Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, France, etc., are places called as follows: Warde, Wartenberg, Werben, Werdan, Werden, Werdenberg, Woerden, Worden Grossen, Wordingburg; also Verdun, Verden, Vilvorden, Vorden, Norden, Peterwardien, Wordingburg, etc. In 1563 "Sebastian Franks, of Worden, issued a Chronik, or chronicle of the sufferings etc., of German Anabaptists." "Worden, a town in Holland," was the temporary abode of the pioneer Gardiner of New England. Here are sufficient variations of the name to suggest a German origin."

"Wardenski" was a Polish family with a coat of arms.

Wynden or Wynandus de Worde- b 1456 in Lorraine, France, d in London 1534- was the second printer there and distinguished for his learning and enterprise. By dropping the DE and adding an N, de Worde would easily become Worden. (Greater changes than that are not unusual.)

J. Van der Waarden is a noted painter in Holland- Van Waarden was there in 1867; there's Wortendyke also.

Warden- a guardian or keeper- is a familiar English noun. Ours is not the only English name which has been spelled in a score or two of different ways. One scrivener had it spelled three ways in the same paper. In addition to the most common form- WORDEN- I have seen or heard the following variations of it: Wardan, Warden, Wardin, Wardon, Wardun, Wardand, Wardend, Warton, Warthun, Wartin, Werdan, Werden, Werdin, Werdon, Werdun, Wharden, Wharton, Wordan, Wording, Wordin, Wordun, Woerthen, Worenton, Wortan,

Worten, Worthing, Wortin, Worton, Wortan, Wurdan, Wurdin, Wurdon, Wurtun- also Varden, Verdun- and a dozen other ways. A Cockney would spell or pronounce one way, an Irishman another, a German another, and so on.

Sir John Wordan, Warden, or Woerden signed some of the papers of Gov. William Penn- as agent, I was told, of the Duke of York, or Lord Baltimore. Eustace Carey and J. B. Warden (both English, it is supposed) in 1822 appealed for the aid for Christian schools in Calcutta. There is a rear-admiral Warden in the British navy. Herwerden is in England.

M'Wardeen was once given my father as the old name in Scotland, and the high cheek bones, sandy complexion and ardent temperament of some branches of the family indicate a Celtish origin. M'Wardeen can easily be softened down to Warden- a name common there. Books of heraldry refer to "Wordie- Truebeck, Scot." Walter Scott has a Rose Bradwardine among his characters.

In 1649, Oliver Cromwell referred to t p q Col. Warden in Ireland. The elder Warden of Chambersburg claimed an Irish origin, as do some others, but I think they are from English or Scotch families.

A tradition at least a century old is that three brothers left Wales "at an airly day," and settled on Narragansett Island, in Long Island Sound or Rhode Island. After some time they sold, divided their fortune, and settled, one in New York, one in Connecticut, and the other in Rhode Island. But I have not yet found that "Narragansett Island-" and the "Three brothers" have been so numerous that they have lost considerable credit among genealogists except where supported by written evidence. (See also "tradition" on page 22 in Sec. 1)

Section 2: FIRST WORDENS IN AMERICA

Peter Worden, 1st, arrived in America at a date not known. He d 1639, and his first residence in Lynn and the terms of his will, probated March 5, 1639, indicate he may have been here before any of the following:

Isaac Worden, serv't, aged 18, came over on the Increase; embarked at London in April, 1635.

Jane Worden, aged 30, came in the Christian, the first vessel in 1635 from London to our country. In 1635-36 she sued one Weeks, in Plymouth, for money lent.

Ezekiel Worthen, Salisbury, Dec., 1661 m Hannah Martin. Children: Hannah, John, Thomas, Dorothy, etc.

Thomas Worden of New York, citizen and pipemaker from London, in 1699 adked payment of dues from Thomas Parington, gunner, of New York. In 1701 and 1702 Thomas Worden and 600 other Protestants petitioned the King. He may be the ancestor of the Wordens on the Hudson and elsewhere.

Section 3: WORDENS IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

In Col. Topham's R.I. Regt: Walter Worden; William Worden; Arnold Worden; Jesse Worden.

In Capt. Dye's Co. 1776: Joseph Worden, corp.; Peter Worden, S. Kingstown.

In 1777, Gideon and Christopher Worden were engaged with others to fill the quota from Charlestown.

Section 4: WORDENS IN CIVIL WAR

Rhode Island soldiers:

Benjamin F. Worden, Hopkintown, 1861
Wendell Worden, Province, 1862
Samuel P. Worden, Providence, 1862
Robert Verden, Covertry, 1862
William D. Worden, Charlestown, 1863

Connecticut Soldiers to July 1, 1864

Alexander Worden, Norwich, 1861
Richard J. Worden, New Milford, 1861
Stephen W. Worden, New Haverhill, 1862
Amos Worden, Westport, 1862
Eliakim Worden, Greenwich, 1862

Henry C. Worden, Greenwich, 1862
Samuel F. Worden, Canterby, 1862
Lt. Col. Charles W. Worden, Bridgeport, 1862
William Worden, Hartford, 1862
Nathanael Worden, N. Haverhill, 1862
Peter Worden, Vernon, 1863
Henry Worden, N. Haverhill, 1863
William Worden N. Haverhill, 1863

OTHERS WHO DIED IN UNION CONTEST - Official Records

Buried at Andersonville, Georgia: H. Warden, Mass; W. Worthen, J. Worden, W. Werden, Corp. H. Wordand, John Werting, Sgt. G. W. Worden, J. H. Worenton, D. Worthen, S. F. Worthens, H. B. Warden.

Cypress Hills, L.I.- John Worthing, 1862; Erastus S. Worden, 1865.

National Cemetery, Arlington: Sgt. L. Warden, Mass. 1864; H. Worden, Mich. 1864.

Chattanooga: Wm Warden, Wisc; 1864; Robert Warden, Ohio, 1864; John S. Worden, Mich., April, 1865.

About 19 others of Wordens or variations of the name.

Section 5: WORDENS ON THE SEA

Capt. Isaac Worden was a noted navigator, and we have glimpses and rumors of other Wordens whose given names were: Gideons, Peters, Watts, Nathaniel, Joseph, Henry, etc. lost at sea.

Commander Reed Worden, b in Pa. abt 1823, appointed from Ohio, now from New York. A tall, slim man, large nose, dark hair and complexion.

Captain John Lorimer Worden, b 12 March, 1818, in Mt. Pleasant, West Chester Co., N.Y., midshipman in 1834; Lieutenant in 1840; looks as if he might be a descendant of Peter Worden. He bravely brought a message by which Fort Pickens was kept out of Rebel hands-- was discovered and became one of the first Union prisoners. He was released in time to take the Monitor into action and bring down the Merrimac, the Goliath of naval Rebeldom. His name is engraved in the amphitheatre at Arlington National Cemetery.

Section 6: HERALDRY

Warden, Wardor, Warder- Wiltshire, Westbury, Hampshire. Granted, 1585.

Werden- Westphalia; P. de Cleves; Lancashire Baronet, 28 Nov. 1672. M. et le 13 Feb. 1788.

Werden- Westminster, Chester, Chelmeston, Chesire, and Leyland, Lancashire, English. (Three varieties)

Worden- English and Scotch variations of the same name. One coat of arms, or escutcheon, is described: "Worden-- Cheque ss. and or. on a bend, or three leopard's faces qu, rest on a chapeau turned up rim and eagle rising ppr." (What it all means I don't know. Perhaps you do).

Section 7: AUTHORS NAMED WORDEN

1664 Thomas Worden issued in London, "The Types Unveiled, or the The Gospel Picked Out of the Legal Ceremonies." Abridged and reprinted, 1840/

1676 to 1713. Joseph Warden (or Warder) three books about Bees. London.

1749. John Warden, Edinburg- "The Happiness of Edinburg." Poetry.

1769. John Warden, Minister of the Canongate, Edinburg: "A System of Revealed Religion."

1796. Elder Peter Worden, Cheshire, Mass.: "Letter to a Friend," on Water Baptism: Lansingburg.

1813 to 1831. David Gaillie Warden, Consul for the U.S. to Paris, issued a Document.

1822. Samuel A. Elliott purchased for Harvard Univ. 1200 select works of D. B. Warden, at a cost of $5,000.

1817. Wm. Warden, a British surgeon, issued, "Bonaparte and Suite at St. Helena," reprinted in Boston.

Before 1845, "Warden" issued a sale catalog.

1860. R. B. Warden, of Columus: "A Familiar Forensic View of War."

Section 8: PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF WORDENS

Physically the Worden race is robust- rather above the usual height and weight, and of considerable strength and activity- complexion fresh, hair black, nose not prominent, eye-balls large, the pupil of the eye of a dark brown or hazel color, teeth that generally remain many years to perform their work, and a stomach that (like charity) "never faileth."

Oliver Norton Worden wrote: "In our branch of the family, I apprehend the Babcock line is predominant, and distinguishable by persons of less size but great powers of endurance. In remoter branches of the family, blue eyes and sandy hair are found. As every intermarriage varies characteristics, the above points vary and sometimes seem to be lost, yet they often "crop out" in a third or fourth generation.

Section 9: WORDENS OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK

A. From Stamford and Greenwich records:

1720- "Dr. Nathaniel Worden, resident of Stamford" bo't of Jonathan Whelpley on Nianus River (Coscob?) town of Greenwich, which included "The Horse Neck" on its west border.

1737- Will of Dr. Nathaniel Worden, proved 1741, names his wife Margaret, sons Rogers, Gabriel, Daniel, Nathaniel Jr, Jobe, daughters Elizabeth m to Jonathan Merritt, Thankful m to Samuel Worden, Hopestill, and Margaret. He owned "Captain's Island."

Children of Samuel and Thankful Worden: Mary b 1735; Phebe b 1737; Rebecca b 1740; Samuel Jr b 1742; Amos b 1745; Anna b 1747; Charity b 1750; Mercy b 1755; Isaac b 1759. Samuel Worden Jr had a son Samuel b 1766.

Rogers Worden was married to Elizabeth Holmes by Rev. Mr. Todd. They had: Roger Jr b 1748; Gilbert b 1750; Elizabeth b 1752; Abigail b 1754; the father died 19 Apr 1754. Elizabeth, g'dn of Roger Jr, 1763.

Samuel Worden of West Chester Co, NY, sold, 1788.

1816- Hannah, Admr of Isaac Worden, deceased.

Prior to the Revolution, in New York State, Wills and Deeds were probably recorded in New York or in

Albany; I find in NY Docum History, 1766, petition of Jerusha, widow of James Worden Jr, late of West Chester Co.

B. From West Chester County records at White Plains.

1791- George Worden bought of Sylvanus Merrit, wife.
1793- James Worden and wife sold to Valentine Worden and wife.
1806-14-James Worden and wife sold to Isaac Worden.
1824- Isaac Worden and wife to Marg, Mary, and Nathaniel C. Worden.
1827- Jonas A. Worden and Stephen Worden bought.
1831- Will of George Worden, late of Mt. Pleasant, names wife Lucretia, sons Ananias, George, William, Henry; dau Elizabeth, Sarah, Lucretia, Clarissa.
1841- Will of Isaac Worden, late of Harrison, names sons Amos of NY, James of Rye, Henry of Mamaroneck, Nathaniel C. of Harrison; dau Charity Hare of Harrison, Margaret M, wife of Jona. C. Gedney of Rye, and Thomas Palmer's children.
1850- Will of James Worden, late of Harrison, names wife Elizabeth, sons Amos of Rye, Isaac of NY, and other persons not of the name.
1851- Will of John Worden of Northcastle, names wife Sarah, and heirs named Ronelson and Mangle.
1851- The Will of Willet Worden of Bedford, names sons Hyatt, Joseph, James, Willet 2nd, and a Mr. Rusco.

Other Wordens named on record- Jonas A. John Drake, Deborah, Jehiel, Lydia, Eliza, Phebe, Harriet, Newman, Emily, Gilbert, Melinda Widow of Williams, etc.
1791- George Worden of West Chester Co. NY, who bought of Sylvanus Merrit, was the father of Ananias Worden, who was father of Capt. John L. Worden who commanded the Monitor in the Civil War.
The following adhered to England in the Revolution: Jarvis Worden of Northcastle, NY; Samuel Worden of Murderkill, Del. and a Jeremiah Worden.

C.JONATHAN WORDEN (see Chapter Two), great-grandfather of the writer, Ernest S. Worden, stated that he was born at West Chester, New York.

D.ADMIRAL JOHN L. WORDEN, who as Lieutenant Worden, was commander of the Union iron-clad, The Monitor, when it sank the iron-clad, Merrimac, at Hampton Roads, March 9, 1862, was born in West Chester Co, N.Y. on March 12, 1818 and died Oct. 18, 1898 of pneumonia at Washington, D. C. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery there.

He was appointed a midshipman from Fishkill, Dutchess Co, N.Y. on 10 Jan 1834. At the time of the engagement with the Merrimac, a victory that probably saved the Union cause, he had the rank of Lieutenant.

On 11 July 1862, four months after the historic battle, President Lincoln approved the joint resolution of Congress tendering the thanks of Congress and of the American people to Lieut. Worden and to the officers and men of the ironclad gunboat Monitor, under his command, "For the skill and gallantry exhibited by them in the late remarkable battle between the Monitor and the rebel ironclad steamer Merrimac."

Later in 1862, upon the recommendation of the President, another vote of thanks was passed by Congress to Lieut. Worden, who had meanwhile, in July of that year, been promoted to be a commander, authorizing his advancement one grade for highly distinguished conduct in the engagement between the Monitor and the Merrimac.

In 1886 he was retired with the full rank and pay of an admiral, the only instance of its kind in American naval history.

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Dates of land deeds recorded in the Registry Office in Amherst, NS, show the names of James, Jonathan and Samuel Worden getting property: James, 1829; Jonathan 1805; Samuel, 1812.

From other sources we learn that Jonathan Worden married Esther Rustin (Barton). Another spelling of Rustin could be Rushton.

Sec. 3. Children of Jonathan and Esther Worden:

A. James Worden, b 1790.
B. Samuel Worden, b 5 Jan. 1792.
C. Israel Jamison, b 25 Jan. 1794.
D. Jerusha, b 23 March 1797.
E. Sarah, b 16 June 1799.
F. Jeremiah, b 11 April 1801 (or 1802).
G. Peter P. No date given.
H. See next paragraph.

In the Public Archives of Nova Scotia is a record of the pupil roster of a School taught by Adam Murray in the District of Westchester, Cumberland Co, from May 1, 1821 to Nov. 1, 1821, in which appears the names of Jeremiah Worden, Peter Worden, Anne Worden, and Mary Worden. The latter two may be the eighth child mentioned in his petition of 1809 (Page 10) and a ninth child born after the petition was made. This last sentence, however, is only supposition.

Following is all the information I have about the children of Jonathan Worden:

A. James Worden m Elizabeth Porter, dau of Isaac(?) Porter of Amherst. Two children:

1. Elizabeth, b 16 Sept. 1818.
2. Lucretia, b 24 July 1823.

B. Samuel Worden, probably stayed in Nova Scotia.

C. Israel Jamison m 1817 to Deborah Barker, dau of Israel and Mary Barker, by The Rev. Charles Tupper. One daughter Jerusha, b 10 Sept. 1818 "moved to Can."

D. Jerusha, b 25 March 1797, m 18 March 1824 to Edward "Obrine", son of William Obrine of Halifax. Went to Amherst.

E. Sarah Worden b 16 June 1799, m 21 Oct. 1822 to Enoch Wiswell of Halifax by the Rev. Charles Tupper.

1. One son, Joseph J. Wiswell, b 4 June 1823.

F. Jeremiah Worden. See Chapter Three.

G. Peter P. Worden. Unknown.

H. Unknown; see page 11, Section 3.H.

CHAPTER THREE: DESCENDANTS OF JEREMIAH WORDEN, Sixth child of Jonathan and Esther Chapman Worden.

Section 1. Personal information about Jeremiah.

JEREMIAH WORDEN, b 11 Apr. 1802 at Westchester Mountain, Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. Was married to Eliza Matilda Chapman on 10 Feb. 1824 at Truro, Nova Scotia by the Rev. Mr. Burnyett. Two children were born to them in Nova Scotia, Ezra Witter Worden and Israel Jamison Worden. On Dept. 6, 1827 Jeremiah and family left for Upper Canada where eight other children were born. (See section 2, next). Jeremiah died at the age of 57, probably at Esquesing, Ontario.

Section 2. List of Children of Jeremiah Worden.

A. Ezra Witter Worden, b 23 Nov. 1824, Nova Scotia.

B. Israel Jamison Worden, b 9 May 1826, Nova Scotia.

C. Peter Edwin Worden, b 7 June 1828, Canada.

D. Mary Ann Matilda Worden, b 8 June 1830, Canada.

E. Philip Chapman Worden, b 13 Aug. 1832, Canada.

F. Olive Kentner Worden, b 21 Dec. 1834.

G. Mathias Kentner Worden, b 15 April 1837 at Esquesing, Ontario. See Chapter Four, page 17.

H. George Simeon Worden, b 25 July 1839.

I. Enoch H. Worden, Twin, b 4 Sept. 1843.

J. Elijah Worden, twin, b 4 Sept. 1843.

Section 3. Deaths of the above-named children.

A. Ezra Witter, d 16 March 1894 in Doyle Township, Schoolcraft Co, Mich.

B. Israel Jamison, d 9 Aug, 1875 Oakland Co., Mich.

C. Peter Edwin, died 1903 in Canada.

D. Mary Ann Matilda Crowdson, d at Saginaw, Mich.

E. Philip Chapman, d 12 Nov. 1857, Derry West, CW.

F. Olive Kentner, d in Detroit, Mich.

G. Mathias Kentner, d 26 Aug. 1913, Flint, Mich.

H. George Simeon, d Feb. 1910 at Saginaw, Mich.
I. Enoch H., d 14 June 1901 at Manistique, Mich.
J. Elijah, d 5 July 1846, Esquesing, Canada West.

Section 4. Descendants of Ezra Witter Worden, b 23 Nov. 1824 in Nova Scotia. d 16 March 1894 in Doyle Township, Schoolcraft Co., Mich. Buried in Woods Cemetery there with his monument bearing his name misspelled Ezra Warden.

Ezra married a widow, Delia _____, with one daughter, Margaret who m _____ Richardson. Ezra had three other children:

A. Eunice, m Dougald McGregor.
B. Barbara, m Wall Parker.
C. Wilbur Lester Worden, m Mary Wright; d 1914. They had three children:
   a. Abram Lester Worden, b 1891; m Mabel McCastle; they also had three children:
      1. Lester Worden
      2. Eve Worden
      3. Evelyn Worden
   b. Ezra Worden, b 1893, d 1929.
   c. Barbara Worden, b 1900. Unmarried.

Section 5. Descendants of Israel Jamison Worden, born 9 May 1826 in Nova Scotia. m Maria Curtis. d 9 Aug. 1875, Oakland Co., Mich. They ahd 8 children.

A. William Jeremiah Worden, m Laura Fields; d 9-30-25.
   1. Laura Luella Worden, m John Gould; m Matt Willcox.
      a. William Worden Willcox.
   2. Ely Milton Worden, m Hulda Anderson; m Helen Miller. Ely d 27 Feb. 1959.
   3. Lena Elizabeth Worden; b 14 July 1883; m Henry Sharp.
      a. Wilson Henry Sharp. b. Russell Henry Sharp.
   4. Beulah Mae Worden; b 25 Jan. 1885; m Fred Antliff.
      a. Ruth Wilma; b. Gale; c. Evelyn.
   5. Nora Evelyn, m Wheeler Wilcox; one son by adoption, Horace Dotson.
   6. Florence Wilma, d age 20.
   7. Lyle Jeremiah Worden, m Mildred Strawn; 2 chil:
      a. William Worden; b. Mary Jane Worden.

B.Emaline Jerusha Worden; m Ervin Whitney; 2 chil: Maude Whitney and Ervin, Jr. Report says she married four other men: Richard Slater, _____Smith, _____Baldwin, and Cornell. She d Nov. 1927.

C.Clementine Worden; m Henry "Harry" N. Dey; 2 chil: Orrie Worden Dey and Reginald Dey.

D.Amos Harmon Worden, m Mary Boyle; two children; 1.Tessia Worden; 2. Nina Worden, m Ray Savoy.

E.Charlotte Solicia Worden, b 5 May 1862 in Holton County, Ontario; m Ed Carson; one son. She died 15 April 1922; buried at Howell, Mich.

F.Alwilda Diantha Worden, b 9 Feb. 1865 at Esquesing, Ontario; m Wm. J. Osborne of Mich. 3 children:
1.Mertie 2. John 3. Irning

G.Philip Butler Worden, b 16 Aug. 1868; d 6 Apr. 1959.
m Eva Jane Noble; 3 children:
1.Emma Worden b 10 July 1893 at Clare, Mich.
m (1st) Charles Lenox; 2 children:
a.Donald Lenox, d age 5.
b.Eva Jane Lenox, m Fred Schroen; 2 chil:
1.Antonette 2.Roger Schroen
m (2nd) Claude McCreary; 4 children:
a.Worden McCreary; m Jane Jones; 1 child:
1. Katherine Ione Jones
b.William McCreary, m Betty Marshall; 3 chil.
1.Mike 2.Ike 3.Another boy.
c.Hazel McCreary, m Donald Brown; 6 Chil:
Diane, Connie, Donald,Cathy,Dennis,Betty.
d.Philip McCreary, m Joan Burton.
2.Hazel Worden, m Eral Steeth; no children.
m Paul Bradley; no chil.
3.Amos Worden, b 25 Dec.1904; m Effie Quick; 1 child
a.Donald Worden, m Vera May Scharr; 2 children
1.Terry Lee Worden 2.Mary Ann Worden.
b.Rita Worden died at birth. Amos d Sept. 1960.

H.Abigail Mahaliah Worden, b 22 Sept. 1873; was adopted at age 3 by James and Margaret Mason who named her Abbie May; m Egbert Morrison; 2 sons by him:
1.Nester William Morrison, b 12 July 1893.

2.Harold Morrison, b 10 July 1895; d age 1 year.
Abbie then married Bryon Smith who died 3 Dec. 1953.
3.One child, Margaret Abigail Smith, b 9 June 1909,
m John Neill; eight children:
a.Bettie June Neill,b 5-17-28; m Maynard McIntosh.
1.John Eric McIntosh.
b.Juanita Maxine Neill,b 2-16-31; m Eugene Theodore Zakizewiski; b 5-28-32; 5 children:
1.Carole Jean, b 9-1-50.
2.Larry Jean- twin- b 11-30-52; d same day.
3.Garry John- twin- b 11-30-52.
4.Vicki Sue, b 3-3-53.
5.Garry Michael, b 5-27-58.
c.Byron Alfred Neill, b 12-12-32; m Carol Buck.
1.Mark Grant Neill.
d.Dale Lee Neill, 1-9-37.
e.Gary John Neill, b 1-19-41.
f.Amos David Neill, b 2-19-44 at Springport.
g.Philip Robin Neill, b 5-31-47 at Albion.
h.Alan Neill, b 10-13-49 at Jackson.

Section 6. Peter Edwin Worden, b 7 June 1828, d 1903 in Canada. Writer does not know his descendants.

Section 7. Mary Ann Matilda, b 8 June 1830. Married John Crewdson; d at Saginaw, Mich; an octogenarian.

Section 8. Philip Chapman Worden, b 13 Aug. 1832. Died 12 Nov. 1857 at Derry West, Canada.

Section 9. Olive Kentner Worden, b 12 Dec. 1834 in Holton County, Ontario; m James Stephens II on 1 Mar. 1851. He was the son of James and Margaret Miller Stephens and was born 20 Aug. 1834 in Tyrone, Ireland. James and Olive settled in Taymouth Township, Saginaw County, Mich. The first five of their children were born in Ontario, Canada; the others in Saginaw County. Out of their sixteen children, four died at birth. The others were:

A.Harriet Stephens, b 1853; m McCormick. 3 children: Francis, Chapman, Robert.

B. James III, b 20 July 1855; m Ella Clark; one child: Florence Clark. Jim later married Mary Foley.

C. Jeremiah "Judd" Stephens, b 15 July 1857.

D. George Stephens, b 29 June 1859, d 21 Jan. 1945, m Minnie Curtis.

E. William (twin), b 29 June 1859; d 2 weeks later.

F. Olive Stephens, b 4 Apt. 1864; m Harry Blackmar; died June 1945. Children: Guy, John, Margaret "Dot", Glyndon, Lucile, Pearl, Natalie, Helen.

G. Elizabeth Stephens, b 2 Sept. 1868; m Royal Bloomer; d 1910 or 1911; one daughter, Hazel Bloomer, m Wm. Wesener, Sheridan Road, Burt, Mich.

H. Rebecca, b 11 May 1870; d age 4 weeks.

I. Mary Mathilda, b 16 Oct. 1872; d 6 Nov. 1948. m_____Briggs, then John Corbett.

J. Joel Blair Stephens; b 13 Jan. 1877; d 23 Apr. 1949; m Augusta Grossman. Had eight children:

1. Beatrice Edna Stephens, b 30 Aug. 1902 at Blackmar, Much.; m 6 Dec. 1921 to Erhart Peaphon who died 28 Oct. 1923; in 1926 she married Leo H. Labadie. They adopted Gary Milton who was born 9 Aug. 1938.
2. Dorothy Anne Stephens, b 16 June 1906; m Chester E. Baker, 5 May 1928; 2 children- deceased.
3. Harold G. C. Stephens, b 24 July 1909; m Catherine McNalley; they have 4 children.
4. Eleanor Louise Stephens, b 2 June 1912.
5. Laura Lillian Stephens, b 8 Dec. 1917; m Charles Barnes: 2 sons and 2 daughters.
6. Lawrence Joel Stephens, b 28 Aug. 1919; m Beverly Grumbly; they had 4 children.
7. Ralph Roland Stephens, b 29 July 1921; m Alma Eskleson; 3 children.
8. Howard Edward Stephens, b 2 Nov. 1924; m Agnes Giltrop, 31 March 1951. One daughter, Patsy.

Section 10. Mathias Kentner Worden, called "Tice," was born 15 April 1837 at Esquesing, Holton Co., Ontario; m Alexandra Lundstrom Wixtrom, a widow with two children. She was born near Pitea, Sweden and came to America after the death of her husband, Carl Wixtrom, leaving her elder daughter Olga in the care of her grandmother. Olga came to America at the age of 20 and later married Joseph W. Wood of Michigan; their seven children were named Leroy, Gladys, Mary Jane, Carl, Bruce, and (twins) Anna Jo and Joan. Signa, the younger daughter married Roy E. Williams of Saginaw, Mich. Their daughter's name was Marjorie, who married F. W. "Bill" Seymour; they have a son Larry and a daughter Nancy, and live at 2425 Kentucky St., Flint 6, Mich.

Mathias and Alexandra had eight children:
A. Elmer Mathias Worden, b 17 Dec. 1891.
B. Alf Edwin Worden, b 30 Mar. 1893.
C. Enoch Witter Worden, b 2 August 1894.
D. Mary Irene Worden, b 17 May 1896; d 20 May 1896.
E. Philip August Worden, b 19 April 1897;d 20 Apr. 1897.
F. Ernest Simeon Worden, b 24 Feb. 1898.
G. Twins: Olive Amanda Worden, b 27 Apr. 1900.
H. Alice Matilda, b 27 Apr. 1900; d 4 May 1901.

CHAPTER FOUR: DESCENDANTS OF MATHIAS KENTNER WORDEN.

Mathias, or "Tice" as he was popularly known, was born 15 April 1837 at Esquesing, Holton Co., Ontario. He cared for his widowed mother until she died, then moved to Michigan. He and his brothers, Ezra, and Enoch, were well known in Schoolcraft County, Mich. There he homesteaded near Whitedale, Mich. The crude cabin in which his children were born is still standing on what was known later as the John Johnson place.

Tice was nearly fifty-three years old when he was married to Alexandra Wixtrom (See Section 10 above)/ After the death of his brother, Enoch, Tice moved his family to Lower Michigan, near Blackmar. In 1904 he again moved to Upper Mich. for a tember job. In 1909

he and his two oldest sons preceded the family to Blackmar and then sent for the remainder of the family.

In 1912 the three oldest sons went to Flint, Mich and found employment with the Buick Motor Co. and then moved the family to 1412 Wright St. in Flint, Mich. later to 1722 St. John St. where Tice died 26 Aug 1913. He and his wife and daughters, Signa Williams and Olive Hartwell, are buried on the same Lot in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Flint. Alexandra died Nov. 15, 1949, Aged 88.

Section 1. Elmer Mathias Worden, b 17 Dec. 1891 in Schoolcraft Co., Mich. Elmer worked hard to help support the family, his father being elderly, and consequently had limited opportunities for formal education, but was an avid reader. He was married:

1. To Blanche Skinner of Saginaw, Mich. on June, 1915
2. To Mildred Minor, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, on 8 Feb. 1917. They had two children:
   a. Elmer Augustus Worden, b 21 Aug. 1918, Flint. He was m to Rosetta Ashmore: 3 children.
      1. Norma Jean Worden, b 11 Nov. 1945 Twin.
      2. Nancy Jean Worden, b 11 Nov. 1945 Twin.
      3. David Edward Worden, b 25 Jan. 1948.
   b. Lola Jane Worden, b 7 March 1922; m Russell Oost; Three children:
      1. James Oost, b 27 April 1942 in Flint.
      2. Judy Oost, b 9 Sept. 1943 in Flint.
      3. Janie Oost, b 20 Dec. 1945 in Flint.

   Lola then married Ralph Howe: one child:
      1. Kathy Sue Howe, b 26 April 1955.
3. Bessie Rushing Miller on 21 March 1946. One dau:
   a. Sharon Elaine Worden, b 3 Jan. 1943, in Flint.

Elmer has now retired from the Chevrolet Motor Co. and lives with his wife, Bessie, and daughter Sharon at G-5468 Hubbard Drive, Flint 6, Mich.

Section 2. Alf Edwin Worden, b 30 March 1893 in Schoolcraft Co., Mich; was employed by Buick Motor Co. in Flint, Mich. until his retirement.

Alf m Cecile Snell 26 Feb. 1916; three children:
   1. Mildred Worden, b June 1917; m George Strickler

and had one child, George Garth Strickley, b 29 March 1937. After her divorce she m Leo Yaklin on 30 May 1951. They live at 8521 Meltricia Ave., Grand Blanc, Mich.

2.Walter Garth died in infancy.

3.Betty Jane Worden m James Conley July, 1942; One daughter, Pamela Jo Conley, b 13 June 1943. After her divorce Betty Jane m Robert Laurino in Feb. 1955; one daughter, Laura Cecil Laurino, b 13 July 1957.

Alf and Cecile were divorced in June 1935. On Feb. 7, 1952 he m Ella Mae Anderson (Nee Lagrow).

Section 3. Enoch Witter Worden, b 2 August 1894 in Schoolcraft Co., Michigan. Cared for his aging mother for many years. Employed by Buick Motor Co. Married in 1943 to Mrs. Olive Miller; later divorced. Enoch is now retired and living at 803 N. Grand Traverse St. Flint 3, Michigan. He is a World War I veteran.

Section 4. Ernest Simeon Worden, b 24 Feb. 1898 in Doyle Township, Schoolcraft Co., Mich. (See Chapter Four, page 17) for information about his father.

Ernest finished the 8th grade at Doyle School in Flint, Mich. in 1913. His father died that fall just before high school started, so Ernest went to work in the Buick factory instead, as a call boy at $1.00 for a nine-hour day. Six years later he quit a job at $43.00 per week to go to high school.

He became a member of Central Christian Church in Flint on May 30, 1915. Became active in the youth department and on Sept. 23 enrolled in the Academy at Johnson Bible College near Knoxville, Tenn. There he completed four years of high school work in three years; then enrolled in college where he completed four years work in three, receiving the A. B. degree in 1925. He later took some graduate work at Phillips University, Enid, Okla. and at the University of Oregon.

He began to preach in the summer of 1921 in Lee County, Virginia for three Christian churches: at Rose Hill,

Mount Olivet, and at Hubbard Springs. Also one year (1924) at Brodhead, Ky. He was ordained to the ministry on April 16, 1922 at Johnson Bible College by the president, Ashley Sidney Johnson. After graduation in 1925 he and his bride went to Elliott, Iowa church for a two year pastorate. Their son, Kimberlin was born there. Other pastorates have been Dewey, Okla. where he led in the building of the first unit of a new church building; McPherson, Kansas; St. Louis, Ark.; Fredonia, Kansas; Creston, Iowa (five years); Springfield, Oregon; Ottawa, Kansas; Cedar Christian church at Cedar Rapids, where he is serving at the time this booklet is published.

Ernest met his bride,Katherine Adcock, on Jan. 14, 1923 while preaching in her home church at Thorn Grove, Tenn. She was born Sept. 15, 1903 in Knox County, Tenn. and graduated in 1923 from Carter High School in that county. She then attended Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn. and was working in the Union National Bank in Knoxville, Tenn at the time she married Ernest Worden in 1925. Her parents were James S. Adcock and Mary Evaline McMillan Adcock. Her grandfather, Elder John Adcock, baptized Ashley Sidney Johnson who later became the founder and president of Johnson Bible College. Katherine had two brothers and four sisters: Neva (m Walter Turner); William Ottis Adcock; Lola(m Paul Johnson, then Morrison Miller); Grace; Blendene (m T. L. Johnson); and Charles R. Adcock.

Ernest and Katherine had two children:
A.Ernest Kimberlin Worden, b Jan 21, 1926 at Elliott, Iowa, graduqted at the University of Arkansas; married Ethelia Ann Campbell; two children:

1.Scottie Reid Worden, b Aug. 29, 1952.

2.Thebe Lou Worden, b April 25, 1958.

At this writing Kin is on leave from the secretaryship of the YMCA and is manager and aprt owner of "The Sportsman," sporting goods store in Baytown, Texas. His address is 401 Long Drive. His wife is teacher in the high school there.

B. Mary Louise Worden, b Nov. 21, 1930 at McPherson, Kansas; finished high school at Fredonia, Kansas: then attended Phillips University in Enid, Okla. She was a department store cashier in Creston, Iowa at the time of her marriage Sept. 21, 1952 to Herman F. Fehrle, young serviceman and farmer of Kent, Iowa, which is their present address. They have 2 children:

1. Kathy Lou Fehrle, b Aug. 27, 1953 at Creston, Iowa.
2. Julie Ann Fehrle, b June 7, 1957 at Creston, Iowa.

Section 5. Olive Amanda Worden, b 27 April 1900 in Doyle Township, Schoolcraft County, Mich. Finished her school work in Flint, Mich. Married Nathan B. Hartwell on Jan. 22, 1921. Died April 26, 1935. They had four children: Robert, Ervin, Jannette and Russell.

1. Robert Nathan Hartwell, b 2 Nov. 1921 in Flint.
   m Victoria Taylor 6 June 1942; 7 children:
   a. Richard Paul Hartwell, b 2 April 1943.
   b. Daniel Robert Hartwell, b 17 May 1945, d 1947.
   c. Ronald Andrew Hartwell, b 5 March 1949.
   d. Denise Lee Hartwell, b 19 Jan. 1954.
   e. Margaret Ann Hartwell, b 28 June 1955.
   f. Cindy Leah Hartwell, b 27 April 1957.
   g. Rhonda Carol Hartwell, b 21 November 1958.
2. Ervin Edward Hartwell, b 3 April 1923 at Flint.
   m Etheleen Sharick on 27 April 1945. 3 Chil.
   a. Sharaleen Ann Hartwell, b 22 June 1946.
   b. Susan Ethel Hartwell, b 24 December 1947.
   c. Roger Nathan Hartwell, b 26 March 1948.
3. Jeannette Olive Hartwell, b 23 Oct. 1924, Flint.
   m David LeRoy Armstrong, 26 July 1945. 3 chil.
   a. Gerald David Armstrong, b 5 August 1946.
   b. Stephanie Sue Armstrong, b 26 April 1949.
   c. Ricky Lee Armstrong, b 30 October 1953.
4. Russell Worden Hartwell, b 25 Nov. 1925, Flint.
   m Ramona Jean Castle, 15 June 1947; 3 children.
   a. Douglas Harold Hartwell, b 2 June 1948.
   b. David Lee Hartwell, b 6 September 1950.
   c. Diane Jean Hartwell, b 26 March 1954.

CHAPTER FIVE: TWO OTHER WORDEN FAMILIES

The following is taken from a book by Oliver Norton Worden, published in 1868 at the Railway Press of J. R. Cornelius in Lewisburg, Penna. It is included in this issue because it may rpove important to someone who reads this book who may be of that line; and to keep it from being lost, as the book by O. N. Worden is over ninety years old and the copy made available to the compiler of this book, Ernest S. Worden, may be the only one left. He has returned it to the owner who is the daughter of John C. Worden for whom the town of Worden, Illinois was named. The following is taken from page 145 of the above.

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Section 1. ANOTHER SAMUEL WORDEN FAMILY

"According to a tradition", Samuel, Peter and Joseph Worden, brothers from England, settled near New York, about 1760. On the dawn of the Revolutionary War, Peter and Joseph went to Nova Scotia. (One of them might have been the father of Jonathan Worden, who was born about 1760-62). (See "Tradition", P.3)

Samuel Worden, blacksmith, espoused the Whig cause, enlisted and served in the forces which, under Sullivan, chastised the Indians after the Wyoming Massacre. He died at Sunbury, Penna. He had five children: 1.Nathaniel; 2.Peter; 3.Samuel,Jr.; 4.Sally; 5. Daughter, name unknown.

1.Nathaniel Worden, m Lana Line; ten children:

a.Samuel Worden, m Loretta Richards; d in Illinois in 1856; left 5 daughters and 2 sons:

1.Samuel J. Worden.

2.William Worden.

b.John Warden, Dallas, had 14 children; two sons, John H. and Charles W., died in the Union service- buried in one grave in Dallas.

c.Peter Worden, d at age of 18.

d.Elizabeth Worden m Joseph Ryman.

e.Abraham Worden d in Dallas in 1848.

f.Nathaniel Worden d when a young man.

g.Henry Worden; 3 sons; one died in Rebel prison.
h.Joseph Worden d in 1862. Left 2 sons, 4 dau.
i.Clarissa Worden m Joseph Richards, Fremont, Ill.
j.Agnes Worden d when 4 years old.

2.Peter Worden, a very large, healthy looking man, died in Hanover at age of 22.

3. Samuel Worden, Jr., hatter, made quite a property in New York, lost it by fire, then moved to Virginia.

4.Sally Worden m Abram Line, near New York.

5.A daughter, name unknown.

The Above John Warden (1bb) stated that he and John Worden the Centennarian, made up a sort of second cousin-ship. (See 6. below)

Section 2. THOMAS WORDEN FAMILY

THOMAS WORDEN THE FIRST, farmer, died at or near Pawlingstown, Dutchess Co., N.Y. before the Revolution at an advanced age. His wife, Hopestill, d about 1795 in Dutchess Co. He or his ancestors came from England; he had brothers and among them was a physician and surgeon of some eminence in Dutchess Co. Of his family James, the son of John the Centennarian, recalled names as follows:

1.Thomas Worden, 2nd, had children: Zephania and Amariah (twins), and Thomas 3rd.

2.James Worden, 1st, had sons: Henry, James 2nd, John, and dau. Mahala. Was near 100 years old at death at Windfall Settlement between Elmira and Ithaca.

3.Joseph Worden had a son Daniel who moved to Schoharie Co., N.Y. Joseph was seen to fall dead from a wound at Battle of Brandywine.

4.Shubael Worden had a son and dau. He has a grandson and namesake at Jonesville, Mich.(1868)

5.Gilbert Worden died in Civil War.

6.JOHN WORDEN THE CENTENNARIAN, b 29 March 1739; m in Dutchess Co. to Hannah Stark, a reputed relative of Generals John Stark and William Stark Rosecrans. She lived to be 100 years old. Their home on "The Plains" north-east from

Wilkes-Barre, was surrounded by so many of his sons' houses that the place was known as "Wordentown." The town is no more and all the family have moved away. They had 14 children, two of whom died young. The others:

a. Hopestill Worden, b 2 Nov. 1773; d young.
b. Abigail Worden, b 23 Dec. 1775; d young.
c. Thomas Worden, b 1779?; m Polly Underhill. Had 5 or 6 children: Daniel and perhaps others in Mich.
d. Joseph Worden, b 1781?; m (1st) Diadame Burch; (2nd)Deborah Burch; d near Ithaca. Had a son John and other children.
e. Sally Worden b 1783; m Elijah Gould.
f. Polly Worden, b 1787?; m _____ Fish.
g. John Worden, cooper, b 1789, d in Waltkill Aug. 19, 1861 in 73rd year; m Nelly or Eleanor Underhill. Had the following children:
   1. James, d 1864; left quite a family.
   2. Jesse, m Julia Ann Tubbs; 3 children, son John A. died in infancy.
   3. Other daughters.
h. James Worden, b 31 May 1791; m Olive Stark in Pittston 11 Sept. 1817. Nine children:
   1. Miner Worden, d Oct. 1864; left 8 children.
   2. George W. Worden, carpenter, m Elizabeth Jumper; 4 children.
   3. Carey Worden, m (1st)Harriet Lockwood; (2nd) Agnes Butterfield; 4 children.
   4. Hiram Bircham Worden, farmer, near Factoryville; b 8 Nov. 1826; m (1st) Varny Lockwood; (2nd) Mary Ann Lockwood; 6 children.
   5. Hannah Stark Worden; m Brooks Campbell, Pittston; 3 children.
   6. Benjamin Bailey Worden, carpenter, near Factoryville, b 28 Dec. 1832; m Lydia Stroh; 5 children. Served in Union Army.
   7. John W. Worden, b 15 Feb. 1834; m Rebecca Oldershaw; 3 chil. Near Pittston.
   8. Louisa Worden b 15 March 1837, died 1855.
   9. David Mills Worden b 6 Aug. 1839, m Jennie Rennie; 2 chil. Ink business in New York.

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i.Jesse Worden b 1793; m Anna Underhill. 5 children in Mich.?
j.Zenophon Worden, b 1795, m (1st)_____Crossburn, then (2nd)_____ _____; had Edward and others.
k.Daniel Worden, cooper, b 1797? Had John, others.
l.Jemima Worden, b 1799, m_____Knight. 10 chil.
m & n. Two others who died young. 14 in all.

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